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(C) Poloff delivered reftel points to MFA Levant desk officer Giorgia De Parolis December 7. De Parolis said the Italian position closely tracked the U.S. position and that they would also like to see the election of the President without conditions. She said Italy would like to see the eventual President be elected with as much consensus as possible to ensure a solution conducive to Lebanese stability. De Parolis said she would send the points immediately to the MFA Director General for Mediterranean and Middle East Cesare Ragolini, who is currently in Lebanon.  
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